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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT FROM PRESIDENT MOBUTU

1. FYI: FOLLOWING FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MOBUTU TO PRESIDENT CARTER WAS RECEIVED THROUGH ZAIRIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. QTE:

MR. PRESIDENT:

ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR COUNTRY'S NATIONAL HOLIDAY, I TAKE PLEASURE IN EXTENDING TO YOUR EXCELLENCE, AND THROUGH YOU TO THE FRIENDLY PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MY HEARTIEST AND WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TOGETHER WITH THOSE OF ALL THE ZAIRIAN PEOPLE UNITED IN THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.

I ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL HAPPINESS AND FOR THE PROSPERITY OF YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY.

I AM CONVINCED, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO STATES

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WILL BE STRENGTHENED FURTHER FOR THE GREATER GOOD OF OUR RESPECTIVE PEOPLES. VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. MOBUTU SESE SEKO. END QTE.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU. QTE:  
DEAR PRESIDENT MOBUTU:

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I WISH TO THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE AS WE CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF  
OUR INDEPENDENCE. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL  
EXPRESSION OF GOOD WISHES. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END  
QTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT  
WISHES TO DO SO. VANCE

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